

## ***How Much Would Taxpayers Have to Pay to Clean Up New York's MTBE spills?***

In New York alone, there are over 14,000 MTBE spills that have yet to be cleaned up, according to the environmental monitoring firm Toxics Targeting. The average cost per clean-up is about \$1 million which translates to a cost of about \$14 billion statewide, although costs can run as high as \$4 to \$8 million to clean larger spills. Since the oil companies responsible for the spills will be protected from any lawsuits, the cost of cleaning spills that, among other things, contaminate groundwater, will be passed on to individuals through property taxes, water and other bills.

***For a county-by-county breakdown of MTBE spills around New York and associated clean up costs, please see the following report.***

***The Capital Region:*** *There are about 1,600 MTBE spills throughout the Capital Region, which could cost approximately \$1.6 billion to clean up.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Spills</b>	<b>Clean Up Costs</b>
Albany	346	\$346 million
Rensselaer	169	\$169 million
Schenectady	306	\$306 million
Saratoga	301	\$301 million
Fulton	120	\$120 million
Montgomery	63	\$63 million
Schoharie	167	\$167 million
Washington	106	\$106 million
<b>Capital Region</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>\$1.578 billion</b>

**Central New York:** *There are about 1,200 MTBE spills throughout Central New York, which could cost approximately \$1.2 billion to clean up.*

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Oneida	334	\$334 million
Oswego	87	\$87 million
Madison	101	\$101 million
Cortland	62	\$62 million
Onondaga	593	\$593 million
<b>Central New York</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>\$1.177 billion</b>

**Rochester and the Finger Lakes:** *There are about 1,600 MTBE spills throughout Rochester and the Finger Lakes, which could cost approximately \$1.6 billion to clean up.*

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Cayuga	89	\$89 million
Seneca	23	\$23 million
Yates	40	\$40 million
Ontario	183	\$183 million
Wayne	158	\$158 million
Monroe	854	\$854 million
Livingston	106	\$106 million
Schuyler	42	\$42 million
Tompkins	108	\$108 million
<b>Finger Lakes</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>\$1.603 billion</b>

***The Hudson Valley:*** There are about 2,600 MTBE spills throughout the Hudson Valley, which could cost approximately \$2.6 billion to clean up.

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Westchester	886	\$886 million
Rockland	244	\$244 million
Putnam	104	\$104 million
Dutchess	374	\$374 million
Ulster	244	\$244 million
Sullivan	131	\$131 million
Orange	431	\$431 million
Greene	85	\$85 million
Columbia	96	\$96 million
<b>Hudson Valley</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>\$2.595 billion</b>

***The North Country:*** There are about 1,460 MTBE spills throughout the North County, which could cost approximately \$1.46 billion to clean up.

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Warren	166	\$166 million
Essex	181	\$181 million
Clinton	302	\$302 million
Franklin	280	\$280 million
Hamilton	49	\$49 million
Herkimer	88	\$88 million
Jefferson	264	\$264 million
Lewis	58	\$58 million
St Lawrence	69	\$69 million
<b>North Country</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>\$1.457 billion</b>

***The Southern Tier:*** There are about 590 MTBE spills throughout the Southern Tier, which could

cost approximately \$590 million to clean up.

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Delaware	54	\$54 million
Otsego	55	\$55 million
Chenango	46	\$46 million
Broome	169	\$169 million
Tioga	28	\$28 million
Chemung	84	\$84 million
Steuben	111	\$111 million
Allegany	41	\$41 million
<b>Southern Tier</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>\$588 million</b>

***Western New York:** There are about 1,000 MTBE spills throughout the North County, which could cost approximately \$1 billion to clean up.*

County	Spills	Clean Up Costs
Orleans	68	\$68 million
Genesee	87	\$87 million
Wyoming	43	\$43 million
Erie	577	\$577 million
Niagara	121	\$121 million
Cattaraugus	54	\$54 million
Chautauqua	94	\$94 million
<b>Western New York</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>\$1.044 billion</b>